

Appl. No. 10/692,481

Amdt. Dated 5/23/2005

Response to Office action dated 02/24/2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending. No new matter has been added.

Disclaimers Relating to Claim Interpretation and Prosecution History Estoppel

Claims 1-35 have been amended notwithstanding the belief that these claims were allowable. Except as specifically admitted below, no claim elements have been narrowed. Rather, cosmetic amendments have been made to the claims and to broaden them in view of the cited art. Claims 1-35 have been amended solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process, and the amendments were not necessary for patentability.

Any reference herein to "the invention" is intended to refer to the specific claim or claims being addressed herein. The claims of this Application are intended to stand on their own and are not to be read in light of the prosecution history of any related or unrelated patent or patent application. Furthermore, no arguments in any prosecution history relate to any claim in this Application, except for arguments specifically directed to the claim.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 13, 21, 33 and 35.

The Examiner stated that for claims 13, 21 and 33 "... in the rail then the knob assembly is rotated" should be "... in the rail, and then the knob assembly is rotated. ..." Claims 13, 21 and 33 have been amended per the Examiner's suggestion. Therefore the objection has been overcome.

The Examiner stated that for claim 35 "quickly easily" should be "quickly and easily." Claim 35 has been amended per the Examiner's suggestion. Therefore the objection has been overcome.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 17, 24, 25, 28 and 35-38 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Claims 17, 24, 25, 28 and 35 have been amended to overcome the rejection.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-16, 18-24, 26, 27 and 29-34 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Gogarty (USP 5,199,836). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-4, 6-16, 18-24, 26, 27 and 29-34 have been amended. In current form, claims 1-4, 6-16, 18-24, 26, 27 and 29-34 are patentable over Gogarty.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Lo (USP 6,222,107). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended. In current form, claims 1 and 5 are patentable over Lo.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 23-25 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Sigel (USP 5,794,901). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 23-25 have been amended. In current form, claims 23-25 are patentable over Sigel.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 17, 28 and 35-38 under 35 USC § 103 as obvious from Gogarty. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 17, 28 and 35 have been amended. In current form, claims 17, 28 and 35-38 are patentable over Gogarty.

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Conclusion

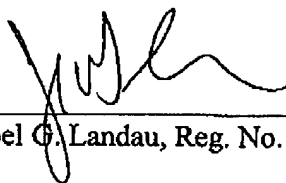
It is submitted, however, that the independent and dependent claims include other significant and substantial recitations which are not disclosed in the cited references. Thus, the claims are also patentable for additional reasons. However, for economy the additional grounds for patentability are not set forth here.

In view of all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested and allowance at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to answer any questions or to discuss steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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